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Subject: Re: FYI

I forgot to mention the OCSPP also covers all U.S. plants, which would include the West Virginia plant.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 14, 2017, at 6:41 PM, rogers, rick <rogers.rick@epa.gov> wrote:

Enforcement Confidential Information included, below.

Just wanted to get a summary update out on what we know (or mostly, don't know) about this PFC compound involving Chemours and their facility in Fayetteville, NC. If anything, we'll be learning new acronyms:

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My R4 counterpart called me and sent this email as a heads up on an issue with GenX (Chemours replacement for C8) which has been found in the Cape Fear NC Watershed.
There is a mtg and press event tomorrow with the company and state/local officials. OCSPP may be going for EPA.
Suppose to be a call this morning with R3 TSCA and Water staff because this chemical is also being produced in WV.
We'll keep you informed and let you know as we find out more.

Mike

From: Lincoln, Larry
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Subject: FYI
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Mike,

Here's a follow up to our phone call. Sorry for the length of this message, but I wanted to try to provide as much info as possible.

I wanted you to be aware of a developing situation in North Carolina that may extend to your region. The issue has generated a variety of stories in the media, citizen letters and calls, and a Congressional, and we anticipate more.

Vaughn Hagerty, a journalist for the StarNews in Wilmington is working on a story about PFASs, including GenX, in some drinking water systems in New Hanover and Brunswick counties. Among other sources, the reporter is referencing the paper "Legacy and Emerging Perfluoroalkyl Substances Are Important Drinking Water Contaminants in the Cape Fear River Watershed of North Carolina." He is inquiring about the advisory level for PFOS/PFOA, and possible health concerns. OCSPP previously reviewed the premanufacture submission and issued a consent order covering operations in the U.S. A number of other reporters are also asking about the levels of contaminants in the Cape Fear River Watershed. Since the initial story, there have been numerous follow-on stories, and requests for information.

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NOTE: During preparation for the meeting, R4 learned that the company is also producing GenX at a facility in West Virginia. The region is arranging a call this morning with R3 counterparts to bring them up to speed on the situation.

Chemours will be meeting with local officials to discuss the GenX situation on Thursday, June 15 at the New Hanover County Government Center. (See story link below). There will be a media pool reporter in attendance, and also a scheduled post-meeting press conference. The meeting is private and not open to the public.

HQ OPA has approved the following statement and background information.

Holding statement:

“EPA is working to gather more information on this matter and will review and determine next steps.”

Background info:

In 2009, EPA and DuPont entered into a consent order that required DuPont to recover, capture or recycle GenX from air emissions and water discharges at the company’s facilities in the United States at a rate of 99 percent. In its review of the GenX premanufacture submission, or approval to make the chemical, EPA determined that GenX could go to market if the conditions of the consent order were met.

We have discussed the need for additional communications guidance and materials at length with HQ, OCSPP, OECA, and OW. As a result, OCSPP and OW have been asked to develop an updated statement.

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